



# WHAT IS STORM WATER?

LEARNING THE BASICS OF STORM WATER

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### DEFINITION

Storm water is water on the surface in high amounts that is a result from heavy falls of rain or snow.

### SIGNIFICANCE

Storm water has the ability to spread pollutants. In addition, it can cause erosion and flooding.

With this in mind, the significance in storm water is knowing how to manage it.

Managing storm water lessens these negative outcomes of spreading pollutants, erosion, and flooding.

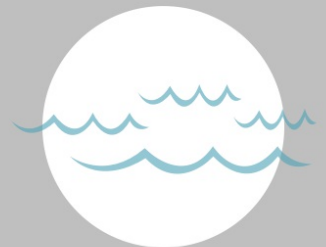


### WHAT IS ITS SOURCE?

Heavy rain or a large amount of snow melting.

### WHERE DOES IT GO?

Storm water goes into bodies of local water (streams, lakes, oceans, etc.).



# STORM WATER AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Storm water greatly impacts the water it drains into! Whether it is clean or polluted water, storm water influences the environment it goes into.

## CLEAN WATER

1. Benefits local plants (aquatic/earthy)
2. Benefits local animals (from fish to deer)
3. Benefits residents - allows recreational use of lakes and streams

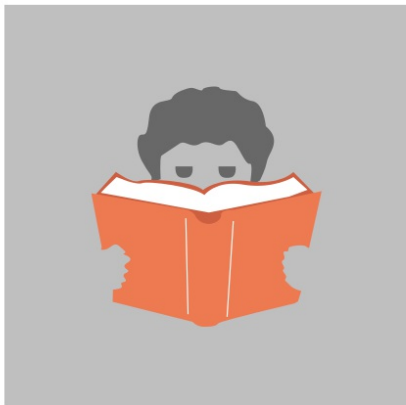
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## POLLUTED WATER

1. Harms local plants
2. Harms local animals
3. Limits residents - cannot use lakes and streams to their full potential



## WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?



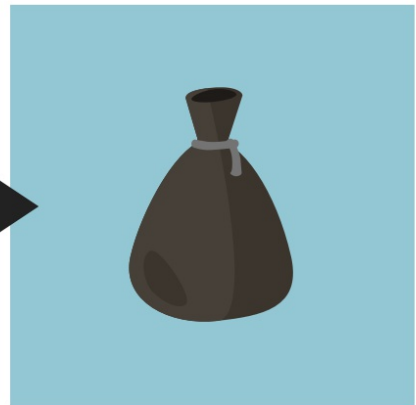
### BE A LEARNER

Educate yourself and read material on the water cycle, basic water properties, along with lake and stream ecology!



### BE AWARE

Look out for polluters/pollutants in your local lakes and streams! If you should notice a polluter or find a pollutant, contact Stormwater Utility!



### BE A STEWARD

Pick up litter when found! Keep the community clean while positively influencing storm water and the environment!

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